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Amendment B

Commissioner of Patents
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Sir:

In response to Second Office Action mailed 2006, January 9th, please amend the above application as follows:

Claims: Cancel all claims of record and substitute new claim 11 as follows.

11. A two-sided, portable scoring banner comprising:

a front face;

a back face coupled to said front face;

said front face and back face of the type comprising a sheet of lightweight, flexible first material capable of being repeatedly bent and straightened out without fracturing and of sufficient size to accommodate the display of a team insignia,

whereby said front face is coupled to said back face forming a flexible housing:

at least one window formed in said front face of said housing;

at least one window formed in said back face of said housing,

whereby said windows of said front face and said back face are aligned allowing at least one window to be formed through said housing:

at least one scoring element coupled to and sandwiched between said front face and said back face,

whereby said scoring element is self-contained within said housing;

said scoring element of the type comprising a sheet of lightweight, flexible second material capable of being substantially and repeatedly rolled or bent without fracturing,

whereby said scoring element being coupled within said housing is capable of form fitting to the various rolled and bent shapes of said housing,

whereby said scoring element, once released from said housing's rolled or bent state, is capable of substantially returning to said scoring element's original planar state;

said scoring element capable of maintaining its inherent properties when repeatedly exposed to the weather elements of sun, rain or snow:

a set of scoring symbols selectively placed on both the front and back of said scoring element,

whereby the same said scoring symbol is displayed on both the front and back of said scoring element in a manner to present a mirror image of one another,

whereby said scoring symbol may be simultaneously displayed in the same format and presentation through said window of said housing thus providing for a two-sided scoring display,

whereby said scoring symbol is sufficiently large so as to be legibly visible to a person having normal vision who is positioned at least 20 feet away from said front face or said back face:

means to reposition in one step, said scoring element within said housing to simultaneously display selected same said scoring symbol through both said front face window and said back face window,

means for using attachments to display said scoring banner to a variety of support structures:

means for rolling up and securing said scoring banner into a relatively compact cylindrical configuration for storage and transportation;

means for said attachments to secure said scoring banner in its bent or rolled configuration;

whereby a sport's team can attach said scoring banner to a variety of support structures, display a team's insignia and in one step, select and simultaneously display the same presentation of a team score on both said front face and said back face of said scoring banner and when desired, roll and secure said scoring banner into a compact and rolled form for easy storage and transportation.

Response to Detailed Action Item 1

The last O.A. removed claim 10 for further consideration as being drawn to an unelected species, there being no allowable generic or linking claims.